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Musical Concert To be held Tonight Postponed Till May

Mary Davenport, contralto, who was to sing in the Chapel tonight, in the third concert of the Musical Art Society's current series, has been forced to postpone her visit because of a cold which she developed last Wednesday. Mr. Berrian Shute received word of Miss Davenport's sudden illness yesterday but was informed that a substitute was available to take her place. Because of her popularity in the College Community and in Clinton and Utica, Mr. Shute chose to change the date of her engagement to a tentative one in May.

Many remember Miss Davenport as the contralto in last spring's performance of Verdi's **Requiem,** presented by the Utica Civic Orchestra and Chorus and the Hamilton College Choir. Miss Davenport's ability as a soloist was first recognized when she was attending Wells College where she majored in music.

Miss Davenport has a substantial background of concert experience which makes her well suited for solo work. She has appeared with the Philadelphia Orchestra under Eugene Ormandy and with the Boston Symphony. She starred in the role of Madam Flora in Menotti's opera, **The Medium.**

Mr. Shute reminds all subscribers to the Musical Art Society's 1947-48 series that in addition to Miss Davenport's sheduled return there will be another concert this spring at a date not yet set.

New Policy Allows Freshmen Singers To Join Glee Club

Glee Club enthusiasts were encouraged this week by an announcement of policy change regarding freshman membership, which will prove advantageous to the development of the club. The change, sanctioned by Professor Berrian R. Shute, allows any member of the freshman class to join the organization.

When the Glee Club was formed last fall, one of the conditions of its organization was that membership should be limited to sophomores, juniors, and seniors. This ruling was made in the protective interests of the choir, since freshmen comprise a large percentage of choir membership. It is now felt, however, that the choir has become firmly enough established to warrant the change in policy, encouraging the freshmen to join the Glee Club in its Wednesday night rehearsals in Commons.

Recent additions to the Glee Club repertoire include "Sourwood Mountain", an adaptation from an old American folk song, and the famous "Winter Song", popularized by the Dartmouth College Glee Club. These and others are being memorized and perfected for the concert of extra-curricular music activities to be held April 17.

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The 1948 Winter Carnival Committee is planning to close out its accounts by March 15. Anyone who is due recompense for services or for purchases for the committee is requested to see Bob Bauer at the Theta Delt House immediately.

Variety of Features Highlight Annual, Says Elton Francis

"The copy for Hamilton College's yearbook, the **Hamiltonian,** will go to the printer before the March 15 deadline, despite the necessity of returning and editing many quasi-humorous fraternity write-ups." After making this statement, Elton Francis, editor, added that "the annual is virtually certain to appear on the campus at least a week before the end of this semester, since the printer has agreed to pay twenty-five dollars per day if the volumes are not published by that time."

This year's **Hamiltonian** will contain 195 pages, twenty-five more than the 1947 edition, and will be divided into five sections. The first section will contain a page dedicated to the late President Worcester in addition to photographs of the college faculty and staff. Class pictures and senior biographies will compose the second section, while the third will be made up of the fraternity write-ups, together with accounts of the college's various extra-curricular activities. Athletics and advertising are embodied, respectively, in the fourth and fifth sections.

Two outstanding features of the 1948 issue will be an analysis of the Patterson Committee's Curriculum Report, and the replacement of antiquated faculty photographs which have been appearing in **Hamiltonians** for years. Editor Francis stated that "the college is indebted to the annual's Managing Editor Mortimer Sams; freshman make-up expert, Alan Bath; and Faculty Advisor, John Mattingly for the excellent work that has gone into the 1948 edition."

College Activities Discussed by IFC; Integration Sought

Interfraternity Council Committee's Resolution

On Tuesday, March 2, at the regular meeting of the Interfraternity Council, a resolution was passed which "marks a forward step in the integration of all-college activities on the Hill," according to members of the Council.

The resolution sets up a standing committee, made up of the social chairmen of all the fraternities and the Squires Club, to be presided over by a member of the Interfraternity Council. The purpose of the committee will be to co-ordinate and plan all-college activities in order to avoid such schedule conflicts as those which arose on the weekend of the recent Squires Club-sponsored all-college dance.

According to members of the Interfraternity Council consulted, "some students have the erronous idea that the resolution was introduced to establish fraternity control over non-fraternity activities"; this they affirmed was not true, but that "the purpose of the newly-formed committee will be to insure the co-operation necessary for the success of all-college functions."

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In keeping with the original policy of The Spectator **in regard to anonymous letters, the editor will continue to print only those communications bearing signatures of members of the faculty, students, or alumni.**

Man of the Week

"My God! Mackays aren't athletes!" The place: the soccer field in the fall of 1946. The speaker: older brother Herb. The occasion: the first of freshman Bob Mackay's stellar performances on Bert Butzer's aggregation. And subsequent events have continued to astound the Mackay clan. For Bob moved from the J. V.'s in the middle of last season to a coveted spot on the varsity basketball team. This fall Mac again proved his worth on the soccer team. And now, after a season of sparkling play on the court, Robertson Mackay has been elected captain of next year's basketball team.

Despite the ejaculations of brother Herb, Bob had been an outstanding athlete at Kingswood Country Day School, where he played football, basketball and baseball. He captained the basketball squad in his senior year.

Although a resident of West Hartford, Connecticut, Bob had been instilled with traditions. Tradition dictated that he attend Hamilton and join Alpha Delta Phi. These were accomplished in the fall of 1946.

Letterman in two sports already, Bob will spend the free hours this spring perfecting his golf game. Other interests include membership in D. T. and the choir. And, in another eight months, Bob Mackay will lead the Buff and Blue hoopsters out onto the court. The aim: to produce a win average bettering the season's 40 %.

Hill Bridge Team Seeks Tourney Bid

Recently the Hamilton College Bridge Team competed with more than 150 other colleges and universities all over the country. The eight-man team representing Hamilton played an eighten-hand round of bridge by mail, as did the other competing institutions. The results of the hands were sent to the Intercollegiate Bridge Tournament Committee who will determine the winners.

The Hamilton team, selected after a series of elimination rounds, consisted of the four best pairs of bridge partners in the student body — Edward Bakwin and William Cooper; C. R. Clements and William McWilliams; Jerry Ferguson and Louis D'Agostino; and Charles Lord and Arthur Content.

The results of the National Tournament will be announced early next month. The eight highest scoring teams in the nation will take an expense-paid trip to Chicago where they will compete for the national championship.

Hill Fraternity Committee Takes Immediate Action

Outing Club Plans Extensive Activity, Organization

The Outing Club discussed reorganizational plans at its last meeting on March 5. A nominating committee, composed of Joseph Shea, John Mertz, and Charles Bailey, was chosen to present at an early meeting a slate of candidates for office in the Outing Club next year; Orlando Potter, Donald Lynn, and Warren Schulz were named to the constitutional committee.

The Outing Club feels that previously this year it has been limited by lack of definite organization and some vagueness as to officer status and exact membership. The plans now being considered, they expect, will give the club the coherence and organization it needs for successful consumation of its programs.

A meeting will be held on April 7 at which time the two committees will deliver progress reports. Regular meetings will be held once a month for the remainder of the school year. The Club plans to promote at least one trip off campus each month during the present semester. Weather permitting, there will be another skiing trip, to be followed by overnight hiking trips after the Easter recess.

Mr. Franklin J. Hunt, faculty advisor to the organization, mentioned that among other projected plans are those for instruction in square dancing, and the acquisition of a permanent meeting place and club room. The Hilfinger brothers were named as likely candidates for square dance "callers."

The Outing Club has set no limit on its active membership and hopes to see more faculty and student participation in its activities this spring.

Chi Psi Fraternity Awards Benjamin Annual Scholarship

The Secretary of Admissions disclosed this week that James H. Benjamin '49, is the recipient of the annual Chi Psi Scholarship Award.

The national chapter of Chi Psi has established a fund from which a $200 scholarship is drawn annually for each of its twenty-five active chapters. Judging and awarding of the prizes is done by the colleges.

The award is made annually to that Chi Psi member of the junior class who has completed five semesters in residence at his particular college and who "has exhibited promise in scholarship and qualities of leadership and wholesome influence and character in the activities of his college and fraternity."

The Infirmary staff requests that students note carefully all rules governing the Infirmary to be found in the Hamilton College Student Handbook and particularly the passage which states: "Students are requested to telephone the Infirmary in advance before reporting for emergency treatment between 10:30 P. M. and 7:30 A. M.

At a meeting of trustees, administration, alumni, and a few undergraduates held November 8, 1947, it was decided that a committee should be formed to study the fraternity system and its problems here on the Hill; that the number of fraternities should be increased in order that every student might have an opportunity to join such an organization; that the formation of social groups should be encouraged by financial aid from the college; and that sophomore rushing at Hamilton would be undesirable.

These recommendations received immediate consideration when on December 6, 1947, the Trustees' Committee on New Fraternities, composed of Edgar W. Couper, representing the Trustees; President Rudd and Dean Tolles, the administration; Warren DuBois and Thomas Pope, the alumni; and Elton Francis, Leon Trachtman, Benjamin Lake, and Lewis Cole, the undergraduates, met. The committee agreed that every student should be given the opportunity to join a fraternity; that there should be equality of facilities for both fraternity and non-fraternity men; that one or more new fraternities should be established here; and that the Hamilton Chapter of Tau Kappa Epsilon should be reactivated.

The report of this committee also resulted in the taking of prompt action. To provide an all-college gathering-place, a student union is being planned in Soper Commons; an architect is now working on sketches and blueprints for the remodelling and renovation of that building. The college has recognized the Squires' House as the center of all Squires Club activities; redecoration of two first-floor rooms as lounge and game rooms will be completed soon. Alpha Chi is being aided and encouraged by the college; that fraternity has the use of the Fancher Guest House for its organizational and social functions. Alpha Chi has a seat on the Interfraternity Council until June, at which time the council will consider the renewal of its position. It is hoped that Alpha Chi will have effected national affiliation by next fall. The Interfraternity Council has protected newly established fraternities by requiring that without its unanimous consent a fraternity shall not pledge former pledges of other fraternities. The Hamilton Chapter of TKE has been reactivated and has regained its pre-war status with the IFC; the Tekes, with the cooperation of their national office and their alumni, have organized a spring pledge class. The college is considering Morrill House, Arbor House, and North House as possible buildings for these additional fraternities. A trustee committee has been appointed to study the entrance of another national fraternity here; it has considered Delta Phi and Sigma Chi among others.

With regard to the future success of new fraternities at Hamilton, Elton Francis, a student member of the Trustees' Committee on New Fraternities, asserts that "there has been a false rumor to the effect that reactivation of TKE means the extinction of Alpha Chi—there is no reason why both can't grow and prosper as part of our social system, if the membership of each is dynamic persistent, and intelligent enough to overcome the difficulties facing **both.**"

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR. . .

To the Editor of the Hamilton Spectator:

I was much interested in your various articles about the decline of participation in activities among our students. In the statistics you gave out, you failed to mention the Charlatans, for some reason that escapes me. Charlatans as an activity continues to attract large numbers of students, in spite of conditions that allow us to put on just about one play a year.

My intention in writing you is not to carp about this omission, but to agree with your editorial wholeheartedly. You are absolutely right when you say that activities decline and die when they have no Faculty direction.

I think that the principal use of a Faculty director is to provide a student activity with the strength to keep it shooting at its goal. By persuasion, criticism, and browbeating he will do his best to prevent the rise of aimlessness, which is the main curse of unled student activities, and the rule of amateurishness, which is the next curse. The third road to perdition is the tendency of college administrators to refuse to take activities seriously (that is, non-athletic activities), and to consider them as a kind of toy to keep the boys happy. This attitude, however, may soon become a thing of the past. There is growing evidence, among our more progressive colleges, that the old-style student-led activity is not to be tolerated any longer, but is to be replaced by a thoroughly worked-out plan of integrating activities with studies, with the immediate result of involving all students instead of a minority. (See Benjamin Fine's report on the Educational Page of last Sunday's TIMES.)

Sincerely yours,
Theodore Bowie

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To the Editor of the "Spectator"
Dear Sir:

I appreciate that the decision to close WHC seemed a hasty and perhaps a rash one, but this was not the case. . .

The considerations involved were as follows:

1. The station was indebted to the college and outside interests in an amount in excess of $800. Most of these debts were incurred prior to the station's opening last fall.

2. If the station had continued to operate until the end of the semester without any further debts being incurred, it would have been able to pay off approximately one-fourth of the figure named above.

3. The transmission range was reduced to only a small part of the campus, and tests indicated that the transmitter was almost dead at the time the station went off the air . . . when he resigned his post as station manager, Bernard Hawley strongly advised the purchase of a new transmitter, a thing which was impossible, since no funds were available.

4. On Friday night, February 20, the control console went completely out of order as soon as the station took the air. This was due in part to the floods which have resulted from recent thaws, and to the fact that the "bugs" were never traced and removed from the apparatus when it was first put into operation a year ago.

5. Only three microphones were in any sort of good working order, though all could have been repaired at varying expense. Both turntables were seriously in need of repairs and new contact brushes, another expensive item.

6. The staff was dwindling rapidly and was largely supported by a very few reliable and diligent people, not necessarily directors. The advertisers were dwindling, and it did not seem honest to expect full payment from those subscribers who did contract the station, since the station was not capable of fulfilling the contract.

Sincerely yours,
Dwight H. Carter, Jr.
Former Station Director

Allegro
MARTIN MURPHY

Last week's announcement of the troubles of WHC brings to mind the somewhat broader problems of national broadcasting as practiced by the four big chains and the hundreds of lesser, affiliated and independent radio stations in the land. Next to the film industry the broadcasting business is just about the most explosive trade in our industrial catalogue. When you finally land that job with CBS or NBC, in whatever department you are located, you'll discover your headaches are not only national but international as well. And your worst migraines will come from that unpredictable devil, public opinion.

If radio then is that field in which you think you'd like to invest your life's work (short but merry), you might do well to study fairly closely the recently published report entitled "The American Radio". It was edited by Llewellyn White from a stack of facts and figures collected and compiled by the Commission on Freedom of the Press, an organization operating under a grant of funds to the University of Chicago from Henry Luce's own Time, Inc., and the Encyclopaedia Brittanica, Inc. The Commission was created to "consider the role of mass communication in our time". In considering the role of radio it lets go with some highly informative tidbits about the state of health of that great monster.

A monster, says Webster, is a "fabulous . . . . animal of strange, grotesque or horrible form". Just how horrible radio is, is largely a matter of individual opinion. That it is fabulous, strange and grotesque among other things is undeniable. It is the "enfant terrible" of the national structure. How to treat and to deal with this half-literate, half-mad creature is the problem Mr. White and the commission have tackled in their book. Starting with a description of the first feeble experiments in wireless communication, the formation of the Radio Corporation of America, and the establishment of the rival AT&T and RCA networks, the report works up through a mass of detail on such important but impossibly tedious items as the characteristics of AM and FM broadcasting, point-to-point wireless relay, stratovision, color television, facsimile broadcasting and I don't know what all. But once you've ploughed through all this background material you're really set for the meat of the problem that follows.

Here you'll find the lowdown on what makes radio, radio as it is today. You'll find all manner of revelation on the relations between Radio vs. the Advertiser vs. the Government vs. the Public vs. ASCAP vs. the Church vs. the Movies vs. (completing the circle) Radio. How the Sarnoffs latched onto National Broadcasting through their RCA setup makes an interesting tale as does the question of to what extent the advertisers dictate the program content to which you are subjected through the medium of your console. Like WHC, the broadcasters cannot, they say, function without advertising. Whether advertising can function without radio is something else again, but it's fairly safe to say that advertisers will hold the high cards so long as radio remains unsubsidized by your taxes and mine.

The report closes with some intelligent proposals on the improvement of physical operation and distribution, program fare and basic relations. Just what such executives as Niles Trammell or Bill Paley would have to say about all this would fill another book. Radio has about it too much of the erratic element that is show business to ever be completely accountable for its actions. But "The American Radio" is one of the best clinical studies on this particular variety of pathology to date.

EX TEMPORE
STEVE FELDMAN

According to Time Magazine, Dr. Kinsey's Report has fast become the biggest thing since *Gone With The Wind*. In a series of lightfingered, albeit heavyhanded, samplings of public and private response, Time presents Dr. Kinsey as the logical successor to Scarlett O'Hara, drawing (of course) no moral, but, more or less hopefully, flaunting a worried and almost incoherent remark of Dorothy Thompson's in its readers' faces to the effect that Dr. Kinsey may be doing more harm than good. Tapping Hollywood radio comedians, Miami playboys, Harvard and Wellesley undergraduates, a British Anthropologist and several other healthy (and qualified) public barometers, Time has just about decided that the Report is the gayest event yet to loom on the New Year Horizon.

Such cheerfulness in these grim, grey times is really more than anyone has a right to expect, even from Time. And yet, is this not fairly typical of the frivolousness and irresponsibility with which we as a nation customarily approach serious problems? Heavens, no doubt the Movie rights of Dr. Kinsey's humble and devoted study will be soon sold for an unprecedented splendour in U. S. currency. Surely there will be a Broadway Version set to cowboy music, a fictionalized serial in Colliers, and a monologue by Ruth Draper. And what Gjon Mili will do about it is anybody's gamble. Why not a new scent — "S-ECStatique?"

But watch, some day when Time writes the new history of the world, that is of the United States, I'm willing to bet my last Roosevelt Dime, that according to Time, all in black and white, it will be John Gunther, discoverer of America, Kinsey, discoverer of the American male, and America, herself, discoverer of Sex.

Jazz Notes
Paul Johnson

After two weeks of jazz controversy — of hot words about Bop and New Orleans — of un-American threats to scale Louis records twords Clinton — of name calling — I must admit that I'm confused. The hell with it. Let's talk about some records.

A few months ago, Victor put out a Lee Wiley single that should be included in every jazz library. Teamed wiih a small ensemble led by Eric Siday (violin), Lee sings "Body and Soul" with taste and great feeling. A violin, by the way, is an excellent accompaniment for Wiley's voice. Anything would be, though. She could record "Come to Jesus" in whole notes, accompanied by toilet paper and comb, and I'll still buy the record.

Columbia, thank God, has started to reissue again. Recently, I stumbled on a shiny copy of Teddy Wilson's "Embraceable You" (Col. 35905). Helen Ward sings the vocal, and, except for a small belch near the end of her chorus, she sings like — well, Helen Ward. But Wilson is great.

For those of you who are Holiday fans, Columbia reissued another album of Billie. Good tunes, and with guys like Lester Young, Bunny Berigan, Teddy Wilson, and Joe Jones, she coudn't, and didn't, miss. Billie, unspoiled by federal agents and the modern chrome-and-leather set, sings with a depth of feeling and an originality of interpretation that has never been equalled — even by Billie herself. This is the Holiday of the Thirties. She was fat then. She hadn't been to Hollywood. Fame hadn't reached her. She was free to enjoy her cocaine and to sing with men who played their hearts out for her.

...ma non troppo.
BY BEN LAKE

On Tuesday evening the Budapest String Quartet played at Grace Church Parish House in Utica. Musically, the performance was perfection. The playing was technically superb, tonally magnificent. The blend of instruments was phenomenal.

The program, Schubert's *Quartet in D Minor* (Death and the Maiden), Samuel Barber's *Quartet in B Minor*, and Beethoven's *Quartet in E-flat Major, opus* 127, could not fail to please any audience. In the second movement of the Schubert Quartet there were thrilling moments as these masters of chamber music developed the composer's variations on the introduction to his celebrated art song. The very moving Adagio in the Barber Quartet (so familiar to us in the version, arranged for strings, recorded by Toscanini) was performed with extreme sensitivity and a mounting intensity climaxed by a powerfully soaring chorus of the four string voices. The Beethoven Quartet was great music played by great artists. Nothing further need be said. Musically, the performance was perfection.

But we, as their fellow human beings as well as their fellow music lovers, certainly have a right to demand something more from even the greatest string quartet in the world. The members of the Budapest made no attempt to establish any but a technical rapport with their audience. They strove for and attained musical beauty and perfection, but without a smile. Their aloof indifference to the audience was interrupted only by late-comers who were treated several times to four Budapetulant stares. Gone was the sincere, smiling, warmhearted friendliness so obvious and admirable in past quartets — especially the Stuyvesant and the Curtis.

It seemed obvious to any member of the audience that Utica, in the opinion of the Budapest Quartet, was just another one-night stand on another tour. That is very unfair to Utica and to Uticans, whose interest in chamber music is deep and sincere. Perhaps another year the Chamber Music Society will bring to town a less famous quartet, and we all shall settle down to two evenings of beautiful music shared among numerous old friends, both listeners and performers.

College Nurses Like Hill Jobs

If the Back Room is the most popular student meeting place, then the Infirmary runs a close second. During the mont of February there were 394 "visits" to the dispensary and 28 bed patients. But this might not be the real indication of the health of the college, for there are few students who have yet to pass a word with one or both of our attractive nurses.

Nurse Marjorie Wilson hails from Leonardsville, N.Y., a village in this vicinity, from which she went to the Faxton Hospital Nursing School in Utica to pursue her profession. Miss Wilson graduated in the class of 1945 and for a while did general duty at Faxton. However, she was an enterprising student and it wasn't long before she was Surgery Supervisor at the same hospital. Early in 1948, the opportunity to join the staff at Hamilton presented itself and she came on to take over the position of Head Nurse. She is very much impressed with the friendliness and consideration of the students and finds duty here very pleasant. Miss Wilson gives no particular reason for taking up nursing; she just explains it by saying that everyone in her family wanted her to do something of their choice and since no one suggested nursing she promptly enrolled. There is no doubt that she enjoys her work on the Hill and will, in all probability, be here for some time to come.

Miss Nancy Wakely, the other nurse, is a native of nearby New Hartford, N.Y. She is a 1947 graduate of the University of Rochester School of Nursing which is operated in conjunction with Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester. Miss Wakely was not enntirely convinced that she should take up nursing until the night she graduated from high school. On that occasion she was informed that she hahd won a nursing scholarship given by the American Federation of Women's Clubs.

After her graduation in June of 1947, Miss Wakely took a vacation from which she came to Hamilton the following September. Her course at Rochester included instruction in all phases of nursing, x-ray technique, etcetera, but she finds the general nursing duties here to be the best and enjoys her work quite a bit. It didn't take her long to learn the various and sundry tricks that students employ to obtain an excuse for almost anything academic. She estimates that requests for Physical Training excuses are the most frequent and the reasons given run all the way from the truth to one which she received before the last Houseparty weekend. It seems that a student didn't want to take P.T. on Friday because he had an appointment at the hairdresser's which would conflict. Also, after he had his hair curled he would have to shower if he took P. T. and that simply couldn't be done

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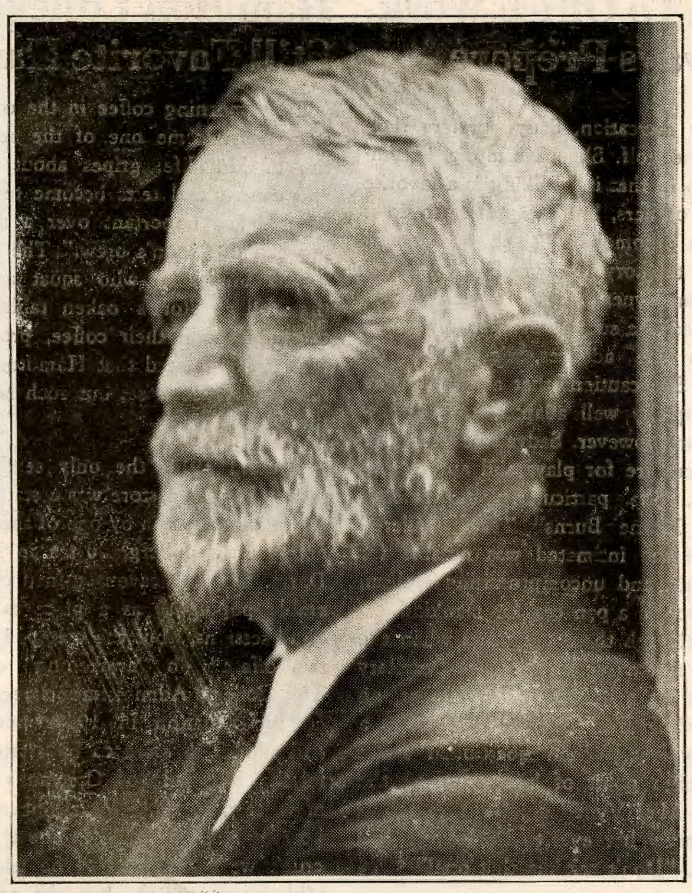

Dr. Saunders, World Famous

Although Professor Emeritus, and an active member for almost forty years, of the Hamilton College Department of Chemistry, Dr. Arthur Percy Saunders has achieved world fame not through his former vocation but rather through his hobby of raising peonies.

Born in Canada, Professor Saunders attended Toronto University before he took his Ph. D. at Johns Hopkins and later studied at several European universities. He came to Hamilton in 1900, and during his more than forty-year association here, he has known five presidents. During World War I it was his privilege to be the Dean of Students under the late President M. W. Stryker.

Always associated with musical activities in the vicinity, Professor Saunders played violin for the Utica Civic Orchestra for fifteen years. He continues to be a steady patron of concerts brought to the campus.

With respect to his hobby of raising peonies, the editors of **Better Homes and Gardens** prefaced an article by him which appeared in a 1938 edition by saying, "Dr. Arthur P. Saunders has experimented with peonies for 33 of his 69 years. He has grown some 10,000 hybrids. Today he has the largest collection of species and pedigreed hybrids in the world."

Despite the fact that he has received many prizes for his work in hybridization, Dr. Saunders most values the Arthur Scott award which he recently won for his work in the development of peonies and the production of an entirely original strain.

But it has not been with respect to peonies alone that he has earned botanical fame. While yet a young man, Dr. Saunders worked with his brother to develop the now world-famous Canadian Marquis wheat. In 1938 Professor Saunders appeared on New York's radio station WABC, in a broadcast of Paul DeKruif's "Hunger Fighter" series, to relate to his radio audience the story behind the renowned wheat strain.

Now living on Griffin Road, Dr. Saunders continues to be very interested in campus activities. He is a familiar figure at Hill musical events and a faithful follower and spectator at Hamilton's hockey games; he hopes that home contests of lacrosse, Canada's national game, will enable him to renew his acquaintance with that sport this spring.

Combemale Speaks On French Politics Monday for IRC

Observations of political activities in metropolitan France and her colonies, as obtained from the "inside" by Bernard F. Combale, will be the latest program in the International Relations Club's series of talks by students, faculty members, and visiting speakers, to be given next Monday evening at 7:45 in Root Hall.

Mr. Combale's appraisal will be based upon the authority of a former Minister of Interior under Petain, a Minister of Foreign Affairs and President of the Bank of Indo-China, a Director of the Surete of Indo-China, and Bao-Dai, Emperor of Annam. Dealing with France and her colonies from 1940 on, Mr. Combale's talk will be of special interest to students of history, foreign government, and international affairs.

The College Community has been given open invitation to each of the IRC programs this year. The regularly attending members feel, however, that the informality of these programs has not been sufficiently impressed upon the student body. Actually, the IRC is a gathering of students who have arranged a series of instructive talks on political affairs, a poll, and several quiz columns which appear in **The Spectator.**

SCA Conference To Be at Wells

Tomorrow, approximately twenty members of the Student Christian Association will leave the Hill to travel to Wells College to attend the Spring Conference of the Student Christian Movement. Douglas Parrott, prominent Hill member of the SCA, is serving on the Conference Committee, headed by Miss Sally Jo Wasson of Wells.

The conference theme will be, "Am I My Brothers Keeper?"; the assembled group will be divided into ten sections to discuss problems relating to this question. Guest speakers for the occasion will be John Karefa-Smart from West Africa, who is now attending the Harvard School of Health; Mr. Thomas B. Keehn, legislative secretary of the Council for Social Action of the Congregational Churches of the United States; and Mr. Paul Harris, Jr., author and lecturer.

On Wednesday and Thursday of next week, Mr. Daniel O'Connor, travelling representative of the Student Christian Movement, will be on the Hill to discuss with those interested problems on Christianity, ethics, and career work.

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Many Sign Petition To Aid Europe

More than 380 signatures were obtained for the petition supporting the European Relief Plan that was recently circulated among students and faculty on the Hill. The idea for the petition was conceived when Mrs. Edward Root contacted the International Relations Club and requested some indication of Hill opinion of the plan. "Upstate New York representatives in Congress seem a little uncertain in their stand," she explained, "and indications of the opinions held by people in this area would be valuable."

Mrs. Root is a member of a national committee (headed by Henry Stimson, ex-Secretary of War), which is attempting to consolidate public opinion behind the Marshall Plan. The petitions collected will be forwarded to the New York office of the **Committee for the Marshall Plan** where they will be added to other similiar petitions.

Especially strong in support of the plan were North Village residents with fifty-one signatures and the faculty with thirty-two. Students generally expressed support of the **idea** of European relief but frequently felt that they did not know enough about the plan to express an opinion on it.

Chapel Drive Hits 75 per cent of Goal

Architectural sketches and plans for the Hamilton College War Memorial, the new Chapel interior, are scheduled to be finished and delivered to the Trustees' Building and Grounds Committee by the middle of April, in time to be published in the May issue of the Alumni Review. Henry P. Bristol, chairman of the committee, visiting the Hill recently, announced that contractors will be invited to submit bids soon after the plans are received and reviewed, and that construction should begin in June, immediately after commencement.

The drive for war memorial funds has netted approximately $75,000 so far, including $10,000 from the anonymous donor who originally promised to cap the $100,000 drive if 90 per cent were contributed by February 1. At present, the annual Alumni Fund drive is taking precedence, but the last $25,000 for the Chapel will be solicited later on,

From Students' Worries To Office Work, Miss Sadye Vyner Is Always Prepared

"If you listen to popular rumor," as the Gilbert-and-Sullivanites have it, you know that Miss Sadye Vyner the Dean's Secretary, is the girl most consistently behind and before the scene at Hamilton. When interviewed in her office, Sadye displayed unusual animation, constantly shifting her attention between a small knot of rather frenzied students, the telephone, the Dean's office, the filing cabinet, and a particularly blase senior who lounged comfortably in the corner. She was attired in an attractive black check suit, a white organdy blouse with red trim, and chic black suede shoes. Her coiffure was an extremely engaging upsweep with matthing amber combs, and her fingernails were Zombie Red.

When questioned about the Marshall Plan, Miss Vyner stated that, although she disliked to commit herself, she felt definitely that if the Marshall Plan were not used, some other plan should be. In regard to the Russian situation, she said simply "Don't play around with them! We have conciliated too long." Currently her choice of presidential candidate would be Dewey, but if a dark horse should come along, she might be persuaded to change her mind.

Hamilton College, she admits, is her dominant interest. She has been employed here since the summer of 1943. To the question of when Root Hall was likely to be repainted, Miss Vyner replied, "That's what I'd like to know!" and added, "I wish they'd paint this office." Concerning the service performed by **The Spectator,** she became more wary, but finally stated that it was "meeting its responsibilities." Her biggest complaint concerns students who forget to attend Wednesday chapel and plague her with questions. She reluctantly confessed that the students' personal problems are of great concern to her but as these are of a very confidential nature, she could not divulge any of them.

Although Utica is her home town, Miss Vyner hesitantly admits that it could be improved. Concerning its politics she shrugged her eyebrows significantly. She suggested that possibly the superintendent of highways might keep the snow cleaned off the roads and sidewalks in better fashion. Another point of dissatisfaction to her are the cultural aspects of the city which she declares to be practically nil.

For recreation, Sadye prefers skating and golf. She likes music, "listening to it, that is." Hiking is a favorite sport of hers, but she prefers to do it in an automobile "since one covers more territory that way."

Miss Vyner became especially voluble on the subject of the New Look which she admires, "especially on me." She cautions that all women are not equally well adapted to the new fashion, however. Sadye's reading preferences are for plays and autobiographies. She particularly recommends John Horne Burns' "The Gallery" which she intimated was notable for its stark and uncompromising realism, but not as a panacea for mankind.

Although there are times when she feels that a secretary to the Secretary would be a definite improvement, on the whole she feels that her lot is a happy one. When questioned about the high point of her career on the Hill, Miss Vyner giggled mysteriously, threw her eyes to the ceiling and cried, "Don't ask me that one!"

Students Hear Talk Receive Interviews On Foreign Service

Students were given a look inside the U. S. State Department when James K. Penfield, director of the department's Office of Far Eastern Affairs, spoke Thursday afternoon on College Hill.

Mr. Penfield, who has been active in State Department work since 1930, spoke on "What the Foreign Service Is and Does." Joining the State Department after receiving his A.B. from Stanford University in 1929, Mr. Penfield served as Vice Consul at Ciudad Juarez, Progreso, Canton, Mukden, Yunnanfu, Godthaab, and Chungking before assuming his present position in 1945. In 1946, he served as adviser to the U. S. delegation to the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration at Geneva.

During the day, Mr. Penfield conferred with students interested in work with the Foreign Service.

Hamilton College Store, Built In 1920, Still Favorite Hangout of Hillmen

Early morning coffee in the college store has become one of the necessities of Hill life; gripes about profs and courses and tests become tempered and less important over a steaming cup of "John's brew." The bleary-eyed innocents, who squat around the college store's oaken table and carefully spoon their coffee, probably take it for granted that Hamilton men have always done so, but such is not the case.

Around 1912, the only semblance to any kind of a store was a stationery and book shop run by one of the more enterprising undergraduates in North Dorm. The rendezvous gained considerable popularity as a place to hold "bull sessions," but the cramped quarters offered no "awakening" coffee. The College Administration recognized the situation in 1920, however, and allowed a store to be established in the basement of Commons Hall, after tearing out some never-used bowling alleys there. Profits that accrued were supposed to be used for athletic equipment, but the arrangement did not work out, and the hoped-for profits never appeared. The College took over the management at this point, and Mr. John Gaffney came along in 1922 to pull the store "out of the red."

Important as it may seem, coffee is only one of the many commodities that the store offers. From mufflers to milkshakes, from aspirin to Alka-Seltzer, from stamps to shoe laces, Mr. Gaffney and his hard-working staff provide nearly everything needed by students on the Hill, saving them the long journey to Clinton or Utica. Profits are, however, still quite rare, and very often the store must operate at a loss merely to offer merchandise otherwise obtainable only off the Hill.

But the two most popular items seem to be coffee and ice cream. Hamilton men and their professors have a coffee habit all year round, and the amazing ability to consume, on the average, more ice cream during the cold winter than in the warmer spring weather. Addicted as they are to these powerful stimulants, it would seem natural that some group of students should sometime supplant an all-college beer party with an "Ice Cream (Two Flavors) and Coffee Brawl". Just think of the crowd it would draw!

Mr. Carmer to Speak

Carl Carmer, '14, will give a Myer's Foundation Lecture in the Chapel next Wednesday evening, at 8:00 P. M. Mr. Carmer, who is the author of several popular novels, will speak on "Regional Literature in America."

On Thursday, Mr. Carmer will be free to talk with classes and individuals, and at 4:30 on that same day he will speak to all students who are interested in writing as a career. This latter appearance will be the first of a series to be given, chiefly by alumni, on vocations and professions.

NURSES (Cont'd). . .

because the curl would run right out.

Whether the story was given to her in sincerity or not, it typifies some of the outlandish requests that are sometimes made of the nurses. Miss Wakely is most impressed with the consideration shown here by the students and thinks that the friendliness and cooperation on the Hill in general is unequaled anywhere she has ever nursed.

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All students now in college who wish additional transfer credit for work previously completed must submit their credentials before the end of the semester.

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1. The entire world is watching carefully the coming April elections in_____at the next important move in the 'cold war'.
   a. France
   b. Italy
   c. Finland
   d. Korea
2. The Benelux countries are _____, _____, and _____.
   a. France
   b. Belgium
   c. Switzerland
   d. Netherlands
   e. Sweden
   f. Britain
   g. Luxemburg
   h Norway
3. Last week representatives of France, Great Britain, Luxemburg, the Netherlands met in _____ to bring into actuality the proposed "Western Union" alliance against the Communist threat from Russia.
   a. Paris
   b. London
   c. Brussels
   d. Luxemburg
4. Last week in _____ representatives of France, Britain, and the United States completed discussions on trizonal economic administration of Germany.
   a. Paris
   b. London
   c. Cologne
   d Washington
5. On Thursday, March 4, Michael of Rumania issued a statement in _____ _____ of his abdication on December 30, 1947.
   a Support
   b Explanation
   c Denial
   d Repudiation

Answers to questions will be found on Page 6.

To avoid last-minute box office delays, the Controller's Office now has, on advance sale, tickets for the Charlatan's production of "Saint Joan," March 24th and 25th. Price of admission, including tax, is $1.20.

Hillmen close in on basket as "Swish" Wilson takes a hook shot.

Trinity Stages Fast Finish, Downs Webermen, 68-54

It looked for three periods as if the Hamilton cagers were going to pull a major surprise against Trinity last Friday night, but some terrific marksmanship on the part of the Hilltoppers in the last ten minutes wrote defeat number eight into the record books for the Continentals. The final count was 68-54.

The Webermen had made a battle of it for three quarters and were out in front, 45-43, when Ponsalle dropped in three long sets and Pitkin rammed home a rebound to put the visitors in the lead, 49-45. The Blue held the margin to four points for two minutes, but then the Hilltoppers went on a ten points spree to settle the issue. Leahey doused a pair of one-handers; Watson tucked in a rebound; Pitkin hit on a pivot shot; and Boyko tallied on a fast break to put the game beyond the reach of the Blue quintet. Almost every shot that Trinity put up during this flurry shredded the cords and the luckless Hamilton cagers found it impossible to keep up with that blistering pace.

The Blue held the lead for nine minutes at the outset of the game as Trinity was slow to find the range. Bill Tank tallied the first five markers and "Swish" Wilson added a free throw before the Hilltoppers broke the scoring ice by putting in three quick double-deckers. Danny Ferguson put the Blue in the lead again with a jump shot, but Mahon and Watson cooperated to send the boys from Connecticut into a three point lead at the quarter mark.

In the opening moments of the second canto, the visitors put in seven quick markers, and increased their lead to ten points on buckets by Pitkin and Ponsalle, and gift tosses by Leahey and Scully. They kept a respectable distance from their hosts until Rog Ferguson, Wilson and Bob Mackay spearheaded a Hamilton offensive that pulled the home team to within three points of Trinity at the half.

The third period produced the most torrid milling of the evening as the two teams traded basket for basket, with the lead changing hands four times. The Webermen grabbed the lead at 30-29, but lost it a few moments later when the eagle-eyed Ponsalle heaved in a long set. The Hilltoppers widened the margin to eight points at this juncture, but the Continentals came right back with a ten point blast to overtake them and gain the lead for the last time in the contest.

The short passing of the Gold and Blue was pretty to watch as they constantly outfoxed the Hamiltonians, and worked the ball into position for easy tuckins. Added to this, they had almost complete control of the backboards, although they played without the services of their standout center, Red Faber, who was injured in the Wesleyan tiff.

Top scoring honors were divided between Ponsalle, Trinity sharpshooting forward, and Hamilton's Bill Tank, each of whom had seven field goals and a charity toss for fifteen points. Mackay of Hamilton, and Watson and Pitkin of Trinity all threw in twelve markers apiece, and Wilson, Rog Ferguson and Leahey each accounted for ten as eight cagers, four from each team, hit the double column.

May We Add...

In a recent feature article, the first of a series on student hobbies, collections, and extra-curricular activities, The Spectator failed to mention the work of Dwight Carter, Station manager of WHC at its closing, in the announcers' classes conducted last fall. The training in diction that Carter gave in these classes was regrettably left unpublicized in **The Spectator** as it was in the material which left the college for national distribution.

Psi U. Captures Intramural Hockey

The final round of the inter-fraternity hockey games went to Psi Upsilon last Tuesday in what proved to be one of the closest contests of the season. Delta Kappa Epsilon came from behind in the final three minutes of play to tie the count at two all, but, led by Don Hilfinger, the Psi U team managed to put the game in the bag by virtue of a fast goal with less than a minute to go.

The opening period saw plenty of action but no scoring. Psi U came through in the second period with two goals, which looked at the time like more than enough to win. Dave Webster put the Dekes back in the fray with two fast shots into the net in the closing period only to have his efforts thwarted by that last minute Psi U score.

To earn their title in the hockey loop, Psi U had to defeat a strong Theta Delta Chi six and a hard-fighting Alpha Chi squad. In the upper half of the semi-final draw, the Dekes downed Chi Psi in a game played last week to earn their rights to the Psi U game.

Tuesday evening the Colgate all-stars edged the Continental stars 1-0, in a tight contest. The Psi U's, tired by their afternoon game, received help from DKE, Alpha Delt, Sig and Theta Delt players.

In the hoop league, the final contests are next on the slate. Alpha Delta Phi defeated Emerson Literary Society on Monday in a close game, but went down to defeat by two points to Lambda Chi Alpha the following day, thus making Lambda Chi the Psi U quintet's opponents in the finals. Both finalists boast seven straight victories which should make the final game one of the hottest of the year.

Rochester Defeats Swimmers, 49-26; 4-5, Season Record

An affliction as old as sports at Hamilton, the lack of reserves, plagued the swimming team at the Rochester meet last Saturday afternoon. At full strength, the Keefemen had nosed out Rochester earlier in the season, 39-36, but a weakened aggregation could garner only 26 points at the Rochester pool, as the River squad splashed to a total of 49. Rochester stepped out to an early lead, winning the medley relay and five points. Austermann of Rochester fought off a last lap rally by Gregory to take the 220. Gingras and Maker finished first and third in the fifty and the score was narrowed to 14 to 9. Bill Taverner was too ill to dive, but MacInnes placed third; Rochester, however, added eight more points. Gingras and Maker gave the Continentals eight in turn, placing first and second in the 100 yard freestyle. Hamilton was trailing by six points, and to an outsider, the cause seemed far from hopeless. But Wadsworth won the backstroke in the record time of 1:45.2 and Barge broke another record, winning the breastroke in 2:37.7. Rochester had accumulated 36 points to the Blue's 23. Hamilton needed a first and second in the 440 and a winning relay to take the meet. Austermann proved too much, once again, for Dick Gregory. The relay team was nosed out in an anti-climatical finale and the final score was Rochester 49, Hamilton 26.

The natators closed out their regular season with a record of four wins and five defeats. With a traveling squad of only thirteen, Coach Keefe has managed to surprise, not only four opponents, but most of the cam-

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McKinney Prize Debate Postponed

The annual McKinney Prize Debate, which was originally scheduled for March 20, has been postponed by the Public Speaking Department. Conflict with such activities as the Charlatans' presentation of **Saint Joan** was given as the reason for the move.

The debate, which is open only to seniors, is divided into eight parts, an argument and rebuttal by each of four speakers. Audience participation enters directly into the contest in the selection of the two best speakers, who receive prizes of $50 and $25 respectively from a fund of $1500 provided by Charles **McKinney.**

A definite date and subject for the debate will be announced probably within the next two weeks.

ANSWERS TO CURRENT AFFAIRS QUIZ ON PAGE 5

1. (b), 2. (b, d, g), 3. (d), 4. (b), 5. (d).

SWIMMING (Cont'd . . .

pus as well.

Tomorrow part of the team travels to Colgate to take part in the Olympic tryouts. Diver Bill Taverner will be the individual performer. Joe von Hake, Don Gingras and Bill Maker will comprise the medley relay team, while Bob Held, Bob Peacock, Bill Maker and Don Gingras will make up the 400 yard freestyle relay squad. Coach Keefe doesn't expect to beat out such adversaries as Colgate and R. P. I., but . . . Union will be present. The swimming team has split with the Dutchmen in regular competition. A victory over Union tomorrow will end the swimming competition on a successful note, and will also give Hamilton two wins out of the three meets with the Schenectady foes.

MR. PALMER, GALLIE CRUMP DESIGN "PROFESSIONAL" TAPESTRY EFFECT

The **Spectator** last week featured the interdepartmental work being done for the Charlatans' forthcoming production of **St. Joan.** The article mentioned the tapestry being executed by Mr. William C. Palmer and his creative art class.

This tapestry, undeniably an ambitious piece of work, is fast assuming its desired proportions in the art studio in Root Hall. Constructed in six panels, the finished product will be about thirty-five feet long and sixteen feet high. Designed by Mr. Palmer and Galbraith Crump, the tapestry depicts several scenes in the life of Joan. All of the lifesize figures were first sketched in charcoal and are now being painted to produce a genuine tapestry effect, accomplished by "graying" all colors. The background, which is soft green, is broken by the yellows, blues, and reds of the figures.

Photographs from the recent showing of medieval tapestries in New York City have greatly aided the extensive research done before the backdrop was begun. The art class is attempting to capture the tones and the style of tapestries like that of the famous **Unicorn Hunt,** which is a good standard of work done at the time of Saint Joan.

Assisting Mr. Palmer and Gallie Crump are Stewart McKeldin, Robert DeMaine, and Gabriel Smilkstein. Mr. Palmer expects that his entire class will have a part in the final execution of the tapestry.

Hamilton Jayvees Nips Skidmore Vets

Pulling ahead in the last few minutes of the game, the Blue Jayvees nosed out a greatly improved Skidmore vet five 57-53, in their final competition of the season at Saratoga last Saturday.

Connelly, Davis, and Barton were outstanding for the Blue, while White sank most of the Skidmore counters. This encounter was the final one in Hamilton basketball uniform for Connolly and Davis, both of whom graduate in June.

E. J. Lewin Dies

Everett James Lewin, '39, died at Saint Elizabeth's Hospital in Utica on Monday, March 1. During his undergraduate years at Hamilton, he was a member of the Squires Club, the German Club, and the Geology Club. In the fall of 1941 he became Secretary of the Gymnasium, a post which he held until May of 1947.

Last May, when Ev's illness was discovered, an operation was performed to remove a spinal tumor. The operation was pronounced successful, but later developments and complications led to his death last week.

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